

**BALTIMORE TOWNSHIP MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING**  
**December 5, 2023**

PRESENT: Supervisor Chad VanSyckle, Treasurer Melissa VanSyckle, Clerk Penelope Ypma, Trustee Aaron VanSyckle, Trustee Jake Ypma. Incoming Clerk, Jana Bishop

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor VanSyckle.

**Pledge of Allegiance** to the flag was recited.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**MINUTES:** Without objection or correction, the Regular Meeting minutes on November 14, 2023, were approved. Moved by J. Ypma, supported by C. VanSyckle. All ayes. Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

General Fund:	\$523,331.93
Receipts:	\$ 23,741.18
Disbursement/Bills	\$ 19,842.80
Balance	\$527,230.31

Money Market – No update due to early meeting date - the December statement has not been received

No discussion

**CLERK’S REPORT:** There will be a Presidential Primary slated for February 27, 2023 – Baltimore Twp is consolidating for the early voting which starts February 17, 2023 with Maple Grove and Assyria Townships. We will be the host site for early voting – more details to come in January

Request to approve bills that will be due before the January board meeting since December meeting was early – Motion by P. Ypma, supported by M. VanSyckle. All ayes. Motion Carried

Reminder to the board of the meeting with the road commission on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am

**APPROVE WARRANTS:** Moved J. Ypma, supported by J. Ypma, to approve payment for checks #13262-13285 in the amount of \$38,155.45. No discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

\$10,000 Grant being received from fire department will be put into the General Fund until decision is made to spend toward fire dept billing. C. VanSyckle has a meeting this week to find out more. Motion Made by P.Ypma, supported by M. VanSyckle. All ayes. Motion carried.

Contact has been made by J. Bishop on December 3<sup>rd</sup> with Josh Wickham regarding the returning of the books and the processing of the payment. Mr. Wickham did not commit to a time when the books would be returned and was informed all payments would be held until the books were received. C. VanSyckle will contact Mr. Wickham on Wednesday and give him until the end of the week to return the books. He will also contact MTA for advice.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Lumberjack provisional store has had several attempted break-in lately

Solar Panel presentation from Kelli Case – handouts were presented with ordinance language asking for approval. Discussion regarding the need for public meetings, C. Vansyckle is to contact MTA for advice. Topic was tabled until January Meeting

Baltimore Trailer Park – notice received from SOM-Licensing and Regulation that they are operating as non-licensed business.

Walker, Fluke and Sheldon – 1 year contract was discussed. It was agreed that we should continue using them as accountants for payroll. 2025 we will consider taking the responsibilities into the township. Motion C. Vansyckle, supported by P. Ypma. All ayes. Motion Carried

**COMMISSIONER’S REPORT** – Bruce Campbell was absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Cindy Twichell from the Barry County GOP Executive Committee did a presentation about the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights and a resolution they desire for the Baltimore Twp board to support a county wide resolution to make Barry Co a sanctuary county – handouts were provided with the resolution language for consideration at the next township meeting in January

Scott Adams is wanting to give away 100 turkeys/hams to Baltimore Twp residents. Requested permission to use the township parking lot to give out the turkeys/hams likely the week before Christmas.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

ATTESTED BY:

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Chad VanSyckle, Supervisor

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Date

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Jana Bishop, Clerk

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Date